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1. As of early August 1951 hospitals in Kiangsi were overflowing with wounded from forces of the 4 Field Army (FA) in Korea. Few of these soldiers on arrival were in a serious condition, or they would not have been able to stand the journey; however, the death rate was 15 to 20 per cent. Infectious diseases were the greatest cause of death, and malnutrition the second greatest.
2. Drugs were scarce but not catastrophically so, although penicillin and chloroform were very short. Hong Kong was the principal source of medicines, although some also came from Manchuria. All medical supplies reached the hospitals from the Sanitary Utensils and Medicines Depot of the Central and South China Military Area (CSCMA).
3. Although some of the hospitals had been taken over by the Chinese Communist Army, most remained under municipal control and took in war casualty patients as directed. Non-military hospitals had received notice that their staff was liable to be drafted "in time of emergency" to military hospitals or to Korea. Political influence in the hospitals was very strong, and staff and patients alike were closely watched as to word and deed.
4. The 4 FA Rear Service Unit appeared to be the body administering CSCMA military hospitals. According to a document dated late July 1951, this unit was responsible for the care of 48,000 war casualties.
5. The following table shows the number of wounded only (excluding civilian patients) in several cities in Kiangsi at the beginning of August:

City	Hospital	Casualties	Remarks
Nanch'ang	Military Hospital	5,500	
	Provincial Hospital	5,000	

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	Nanchang Mission Hospital	1,700	
	French Mission Hospital	3,400	YANG Hung (楊洪), the head doctor, was drafted to Korea in June 1951.
Chiuchiang	No. 6 Military Hospital	2,800	Also trained boys and girls as military nursing staff.
	Cadres' Sanatorium	850	For senior ranks only.
	Special Area Public Hospital	2,400	Very short of medicines and equipment.
	No. 2 Base Hospital	?	
Shangjao (117-54, 28-26)			
	Yushan	Each	
	(118-13, 28-43)		
	Linchuan	about	
	(116-16, 28-01)		
		10,000	
	Kuotsh'i	wounded	
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P'inghsiang (113-50, 27-37)			

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. It is uncertain whether this figure refers to all military patients in Kiangsi or to all patients in CSCMA military hospitals.

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